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British Guiana: [The British will probably oust Premier Jagan shortly, leaving the way free for a new government under Forbes Burnham.]

[Following Jagan's refusal to resign, Governor Luyt has asked London for an order-in-council enabling him to remove Jagan. Luyt expects this in a few days. With both Burnham's socialist People's National Congress (PNC) and the conservative United Force agreed on a coalition, an administration with a five-seat majority can then be formed.]

[Because of the depth of the racial cleavage reflected in the voting, Burnham will be directing his first moves at overcoming East Indian mistrust of the Negro PNC and averting the possibility of violence. He plans to give important noncabinet jobs to the defeated leader and other members of the East Indian Justice Party.]

[However, there are almost insurmountable obstacles to Burnham's winning over East Indians and thus making his administration a success. Even if he does, this in itself might bring the PPP to foster violence in two or three months. The US consul general in Georgetown believes that if violence should occur, Burnham would "wish to react ruthlessly" against those involved.]

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[In speaking of his plans for undercutting "Jaganism" on a long-term basis, Burnham told the consul general he wants independence within eight months so as to be unhampered by Britain's "undue concern for fair play." He is sending an emissary to the UN next week to try to win Afro-Asian support and undermine any appeals Jagan may make there. He also wants to increase his own prestige by early announcement of US aid and a visit to Washington.]

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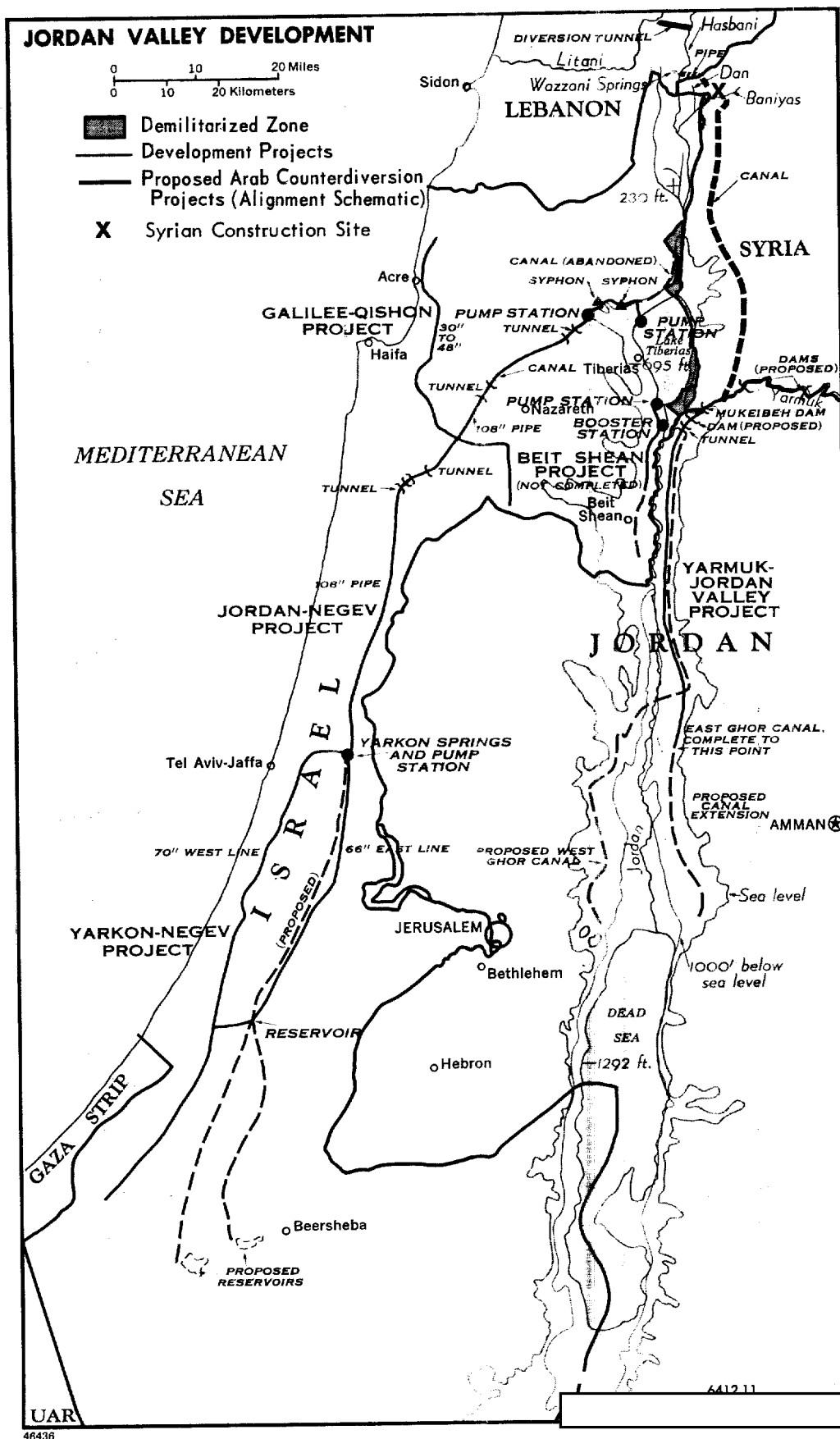
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NOTES

*Cuba: Che Guevara's vicious attack on the US in his speech to the UN General Assembly yesterday appeared designed to win support particularly from the "nonaligned" nations of the Afro-Asian bloc, should Cuba decide to make an all-out diplomatic offensive in the UN. He pictured the United States as the world's principal colonialist power and Cuba as its most uncompromising opponent. His references to US-Cuban relations were cast in the familiar Castroist pattern-- Cuba has let it be known that it wants peace but in return is being subjected to aggressions and violations of its sovereignty.

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Syria-Israel: On about 1 December the Syrians began constructing a canal to divert Jordan River headwaters--the first visible step toward implementing Arab plans to deprive Israel of water for its own diversion project. The Syrian earthmoving operations are easily observable from Israel, but thus far have not brought any Israeli reaction. In the past, Prime Minister Eshkol has warned that Israel would oppose such "illegal measures" and would "act for the preservation of its vital rights."

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